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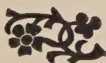
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The present facsimile, and reprint of the four Latin editions of the Columbus Letter, belonging to the Lenox Library, are published by the Trustees at this time, as an appropriate tribute to the memory of the great discoverer.

JOHN S. KENNEDY,
President.

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INTRODUCTION.



THE First Letter of Columbus, giving the earliest information of his great discovery, was translated into Latin and sent to Rome for publication immediately after his return to Spain. Original copies of the oldest four editions of this version, printed in 1493, are preserved in the LENOX LIBRARY, where they occupy a prominent place in the exhibition of rare books. The rarest, and certainly the most interesting, of these is the pictorial edition, complete in ten leaves, which is reproduced here in exact facsimile, accompanied by a literal translation. No other perfect copy is known to be extant. The curious woodcuts with which it is illustrated are supposed by some to have been copied from drawings made originally by Columbus himself. They give remarkable representations of the admiral's own caravel, of his first landing on Hayti and meeting with the natives, and of the different islands which he visited.

This copy, which was rebound in red morocco by Thompson, the English bookbinder, apparently about

sixty or seventy years ago, once belonged to Richard Heber, the celebrated bibliophile. At the sale of the final portion of his library at Paris, in October, 1836, it appeared as No. 885 of the catalogue, selling for ninety-seven francs.¹ It was subsequently owned by M. Guglielmo Libri, at the sale of whose library at London, in February, 1849, No. 259 of the catalogue, it was purchased by Mr. Lenox.²

The three other editions referred to have no pictorial illustrations, but they contain some slight variations. It is not known with certainty which of these is the first. In the Appendix all four editions are reprinted

¹ The Heber copy is thus described in Brunet's *Manuel du Libraire* (Paris, 1842), Vol. I., p. 734, second column: "Le recto du prem. f. porte les mots *Regnū Hispaniæ*, avec les armes de Castille: au verso se voit une planche en bois (*Oceana classis*). Au 2^e f. commence *De Insulis inuentis. Epistola Christof. Colon.*, traduction datée *Kl. maii M. cccc. xciiij*, et où sont placées quatre vignettes en bois. Le dern. f. contient, au recto, une figure représentant Ferdinand, roi d'Espagne, et au verso le mot *Granata*, avec les armes de cette ville."

² Three imperfect copies are known: one in the Royal Library at Munich, lacking the first and tenth leaves; a second in the Public Library at Basle, also lacking the first and tenth leaves; and a third in the Library of the British Museum (Grenville Collection), lacking the tenth leaf. The defect of the last-mentioned copy has been supplied by a facsimile leaf, presented by Mr. Lenox in 1859. There was a copy in the Brera Library at Milan, which is said to have been stolen early in the present century. As described by Bossi in his *Vita di Cristoforo Colombo* (Milano, 1818), p. 171, the ten lines of the title and the epigram at the end were ruled with red ink, the text began with an illuminated initial Q, and it lacked the tenth leaf. These peculiarities are all found in the Grenville copy of the British Museum. The statement in the reprint of *Nicolaus Syllacius* (New York, 1859), that in the title of the Lenox copy "each line has been underruled with red ink," is not correct. Only the top line has been so ruled.

side by side in ordinary type, with the abbreviations of the originals spelled out in full, in italics.

The memorable voyage which this letter describes lasted two hundred and twenty-four days, from the 3d of August, 1492, when Columbus sailed from the harbor of Palos on the southern coast of Spain, with three small caravels and about ninety men, to the 15th of March, 1493, when he returned in a single vessel to the same port. Nine days after leaving Palos he reached the Canary Islands, where he remained until the 6th of September, taking in provisions and making other preparations. On the 8th, after lying becalmed for two days, he left these islands, and steered his way directly across the Atlantic, with the expectation of reaching India or China. On the morning of Friday, the 12th of October, corresponding to the present 21st of October, he came in sight of one of the Bahama islands, where he landed and took possession in the names of the Spanish sovereigns. On the 15th he visited another island, which he named Santa Maria de la Concepcion; on the following day he reached the island Fernandina; and on the 19th, Isabella. Supposing that he was in the neighborhood of Cipango or Japan, he sailed toward the south, and on the 28th of October landed on Cuba, which he named Juana. Here he remained, exploring the northeast coast, until

December 5th, when he sailed over to Hayti, called by him Española. After exploring the northern shore of this island, where he lost his own vessel by shipwreck on the 24th, he sailed in the Niña for Spain on the 16th of January, 1493, reaching the Azores on the 18th of February, Lisbon on the 4th of March, and Palos on the 15th of the same month.

The news of these discoveries was soon spread far and wide. Various editions and translations were printed of Columbus's letter to the royal treasurer and secretary of the exchequer. Only a few of these, however, have come down to our times, and they are reckoned among the rarest and most expensive of books. The following list includes all that were printed in the fifteenth century, so far as known:

(1) The original folio edition in Spanish, of which the only known copy is in the Lenox Library. It was discovered in Spain in 1890, first offered for sale by Maisonneuve of Paris, and afterwards by Quaritch of London. It is complete in two leaves or four pages, addressed to the "Escribano de Racion," Luis de Santangel, and was evidently printed at Barcelona in April, 1493. Probably it is the oldest edition extant.

(2) The quarto edition in Spanish, also addressed to the "Escribano de Racion," and containing four leaves or eight pages. This was probably printed in

Spain, in 1493. The only known copy was discovered about thirty years ago in the Biblioteca Ambrosiana at Milan. A facsimile by photozincography, made from an inaccurate hand-tracing of this copy, was published at Milan in 1866, and from this facsimile two recent forgeries seem to have been copied.

(3) The edition in Latin with King Ferdinand's name alone in the title, described by Mr. Harriſſe as No. 1 of his list, and by Mr. Major as No. 3. It is in four leaves or eight pages, and is supposed to have been printed at Rome by Stephen Planck, in 1493. A reprint is given in the Appendix, from the original in the Lenox Library.

(4) The edition in Latin with the names of Ferdinand and Isabella in the title, described by Mr. Harriſſe as No. 4, and by Mr. Major as No. 1, of their respective lists. It is otherwise almost identical with the preceding, page for page and line for line, and probably was printed at Rome by Planck, in 1493. The reprint in the Appendix is from the original in the Lenox Library.

(5) The edition in Latin printed at Rome by Eucharis Argenteus, or Silber, in 1493, and supposed by Varnhagen to be the first edition. It is complete in three leaves or six pages, and is reprinted in the Appendix from the original in the Lenox Library.

(6) The pictorial edition in Latin, reproduced here in facsimile from the unique copy in the Lenox Library, and described at the beginning of this introduction. As the same woodcuts appear in a reprint appended to the drama of Carolus Verardus, published by Bergmann de Olpe at Basle in 1494, it is supposed that this edition was also printed at Basle, by the same printer, in 1493.

(7) The edition in Latin entitled *Epistola de insulis repertis de nouo*, printed at Paris by Guyot Marchand, probably in 1493. It is in four leaves or eight pages, and contains only the name of Ferdinand in the title. The only known copy was discovered in 1873, in the Royal Library at Turin.

(8) The edition in Latin entitled *Epistola de insulis de nouo repertis*, printed at Paris by Guyot Marchand, in 1493 or 1494. It is evidently a reprint of the preceding, with which it agrees in the number of the leaves, and in containing only the name of King Ferdinand in the title. Only two copies are known, one in the John Carter Brown Library at Providence, R. I., and the other in the National Library at Paris. A facsimile is in the Lenox Library.

(9) The edition in Latin entitled *Epistola de insulis nouiter repertis*, printed at Paris by Guyot Marchand, in 1493 or 1494. It is also in four leaves, and agrees

closely with the two preceding. Two copies only are known, one in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, the other in the University Library at Göttingen. A facsimile is in the Lenox Library.

(10) The edition in Latin beginning *Epistola Christophori Colom*, supposed to have been printed at Antwerp by Thierry Martens, in 1493 or 1494. It contains only the name of Ferdinand in the title, and is in four leaves. The only known copy is in the Royal Library at Brussels.

(11) The pictorial edition in Latin appended to the drama of Verardus, published by Bergmann de Olpe at Basle in 1494. It is evidently a reprint of the separate pictorial edition, already described. There is a copy in the Lenox Library.

(12) The edition in Italian verse entitled *Questa e la hystoria della inuentiõe delle diese Isole di Cannaria Indiane*, printed at Florence on the 25th of October, 1493, in four leaves. The only known copy, lacking the second and third leaves, is in the library of the British Museum. It was purchased in 1858. A facsimile is in the Lenox Library. This edition and the three following are nearly alike in contents. The version was made by Giuliano Dati.

(13) The edition in Italian verse entitled *La lettera dellisole che ha trouato nuouamente il Re dispagna*,

printed at Florence on the 26th of October, 1493. It is another edition of the preceding. The only known copy, complete in four leaves, is in the library of the British Museum. It was purchased in 1847. A fac-simile is in the Lenox Library.

(14) The edition in Italian verse entitled *Isole Trouate Nouamente Per El Re di Spagna*, printed at Florence, and dated 26th of October, 1495. It is in four leaves. The only known copy is in the Biblioteca Trivulziana at Milan.

(15) The edition in Italian verse entitled *La lettera dellisole che ha trouato nuouamente el Re dispagna*, printed at Florence, and dated 26th of October, 1495. The only known copy, complete in four leaves, is in a private library in New-York.

(16) The edition in German printed at Strasburg by Bartholomew Küstler, in 1497, in seven leaves. There is a copy in the Lenox Library.

Besides the printed editions mentioned above, there are extant several manuscript copies in Spanish. One in the Archives of Simancas, addressed to the "Escribano de Racion," was printed by Navarrete in his *Coleccion de Viages* (Madrid, 1825), Vol. I, pp. 167-175. It is also described, and an English synopsis given, by G. A. Bergenroth, in the *Calendar of Letters, Despatches, and State Papers, relating to the Negotiations*

between England and Spain (London, 1862), Vol. I, pp. 43-48. Another manuscript, in Spanish, addressed to Don Gabriel Sanchez, was discovered by Varnhagen in the Colegio Mayor at Cuenca, and published by him at Valencia in 1858. Columbus also made a full report of his voyage in the form of a diary, which he sent to the Spanish sovereigns. The original of this has not been found, but an abridgment, or synopsis, made by Bartolome de Las Casas, is extant, and has been printed in Navarrete's *Coleccion*. The transcript of this manuscript which was probably used by Muñoz and Navarrete is now in the Lenox Library. An English translation of this "Personal Narrative," made by Samuel Kettell, was printed at Boston in 1827.

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LENOX LIBRARY, October 21, 1892.

FACSIMILE OF THE LETTER OF COLUMBUS.

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De Insulis inuentis

Epistola Cristoferi Colom (cui etas nostra multū debet : de Insulis in mari Indico nup inuētis. Ad quas perquirendas octauo antea mense: auspicijs et ere Inuictissimi Fernandi Hispaniarum Regis missus fuerat) ad Adagā nificum dñm Raphaelez Sanxis: eiusdē serenissimi Regis Thesaurariū missa. quam nobilis ac litterat⁹ vir Aliander d Cosco: ab Hispano ydeomate in latinū conuertit: tercio klā Adag. ad. cccc. xciij. Pontificatus Alexandri Sexti Anno Primo.

Quoniam susceptae prouintiae rem perfectam me persecutum fuisse: gratū tibi fore scio: has pstitui exarare: quae te vniuscuiusq; rei in hoc nostro itinere gēste inuenteq; admoneāt. Tricesimo tertio die postq; Gadibus discessi: in mare Indicū perueni: vbi plurimas Insulas innumeris habitatas hominib⁹ reperi: quarū oīm p felicissimo Rege nostro: preconio celebrato ⁊ vexillis extensis: cōtradicante nemine possessio nē accepi. primeq; earum: diuī Saluatoris nomen imposui (cuius fret⁹ auxilio) tam ad hāc q; ad ceteras alias puenim⁹. Eam vero Indi



Guanabanyu vocant. Aliaz etiā vnā quanq̃
 nouo nomine nuncupauī. Quippe aliam Insu-
 lam Sancte a Marie Lōceptiōis. aliam Fernā-
 dinam. aliaz Ihsabellam. aliā Iohanam. ⁊ sic
 de reliquis appellari iussi. Quāprimū ī eā In-
 sulam quā dudū Iohanam vocari dixi apuli-
 mus: iuxta ei⁹ litus occidentē versus aliquā-
 tulum processi: tamq̃ eam magnā nullo reper-
 to fine inueni: vt non insulam: sed cōtinentem.
 Chatay prouinciā esse crediderim: nulla tamē
 vidēs oppida municipiaue in maritimis sita cō-
 finibus: preter aliquos vicos ⁊ predia rustica:
 cum quorū incolis loqui nequibam: quare si-
 mul ac nos videbant surripiebāt fugam. Pro-
 grediebar vltra: existimans aliquam me urbē
 villasue inuenturum. Deniq̃ videns q̃ longe
 admodum pgressis: nihil noui emergebat: et
 huiusmodi via nos ad Septentrionem defere-
 bat: q̃ ipse fugere exoptabam: terris etenim re-
 gnabat bruma: ad austrumq̃ erat in voto cō-
 tendere: nec minus venti flagitantibus succe-
 debāt. cōstitui alios nō operiri successus: et sic
 retrocedens ad portum quendam quem signas-
 ueram sum reuersus: vnde duos hoīes ex no-
 stris in terram misi. qui inuestigarent: esset ne
 Rex in ea prouincia/urbesue aliquę. Itē per



tres dies ambularūt: inuenerūtq; innumeros
 populos ⁊ habitatōes: paruas tñ et absq; vllō
 regimine: quapropt̃ redierūt. Interea ego iā
 intellerā a q̃busdam Indis: quos ibidē su-
 sceperā: quō hmōi prouincia: insula quidem
 erat. ⁊ sic perrexi orientē versus: ei⁹ semp strin-
 gens littoza vsq; ad miliaria .cccxxij. vbi ipsi⁹
 insule sunt extrema. hinc aliā insulā ad. orien-
 tem prosperi: distantem ab hac Iohana milia-
 ribus. liiij. quā protinus Hispanam dixi: in eā
 q; cōcessi: ⁊ direxi iter quasi p Septentrionez
 quēadmodū in Iohana ad orientem: miliaria
 dliiij. que dicta Iohana ⁊ alie ibidem insule
 q̃sfertilissime existunt. hec multis atq; tutissi-
 mis ⁊ latis: nec alijs quos vnq; viderim cōpa-
 randis portib⁹: est circūdata. multi maximi ⁊
 salubres hanc interfluūt fluuij. multi quoq; et
 eminētissimi in ea sunt montes. Om̃es he insu-
 le sunt pulcerrime ⁊ varijs distincte figuris: p-
 uie: ⁊ maxima arboz varietate sidera lamben-
 tiū plene: q̃s nūq; folijs priuari credo: quip-
 pe vidi eas ita virētes atq; decoras: ceu mēse
 Maio ī hispania solēt eē: q̃ ⁊ alie florētes: alie
 fructuose: alie ī alio statu: fm vniuscuiusq; q̃li-
 tatē vigeāt: garriebat philomena: ⁊ alij passe-
 res varij ac innum. eri: mēse Nouēbris q̃ ip̃e per
 eas deambulabā. Sunt p̃terea in dicta insula

Iohana septē vel octo palmarū genera: q̄ p̄ce-
ritate ⁊ pulchritudinē (quēadmodū cetere oēs
arbores/herbe/fructusq̄) n̄ras facile exuperāt
Sūt ⁊ mirabiles pin⁹/agri/ ⁊ prata vastissima/
varie aues/varie mella/variaq̄ metalla:ferro
excepto. In ea aut̄ quā Hispanā supra dixim⁹
nūcupari: maximi sunt mōtes ac pulcri:vasta
rura/nemora/ campi feracissimi/seri/pacisq̄ ⁊
cōdendis edificijs aptissimi. Portuū in hac in-
sula cōmoditas: ⁊ p̄stantia fluminū copia salu-
bitate admixta hoīm:q̄ nisi quis viderit: cre-
dulitatē supat. Huius arbores pascua ⁊ fruct⁹
multum ab illis Iohane differūt. Hec p̄terea
Hispana diuerso aromatis genere/auro/me-
tallisq̄ abundat.cui⁹ quidē ⁊ oīni aliarū quas
ego vidi: ⁊ quarū cognitionē habeo:īcole vtri-
usq̄ sexus nudi semp̄ incedūt: quēadmodum
edunt in lucem.p̄ter aliquas feminas. q̄ fo-
lio frondeue aliq̄: aut bombicino velo: pudē-
da operiūt:qđ ip̄e sibi ad id negociū parāt. Ca-
rent hi oīes (vt supra dixi) quocunq̄ genere
ferri.carent ⁊ armis:vtpote sibi ignotis nec ad
ea sūt apti.nō p̄p̄t corporis deformitatē (cū sint
bñ formati) s̄ qz sūt timidi ac pleni formidine.
gestāt tñ p̄ armis arūdines sole p̄stas:ī quarū
radicib⁹ hostile qđdā ligneū siccū ⁊ in mucro-
nē attenuatū figūt:neq̄ his audēt iugitvitiā

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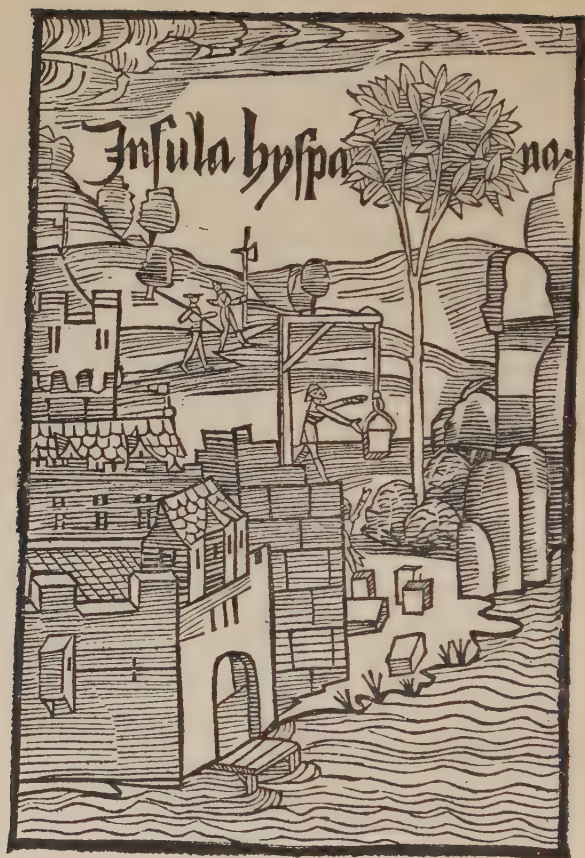


sepe euenit cū miserim duos vel tris homines
ex meis ad aliquas villas: vt cū earū loquerē-
tur incolis: exiisse agmē glomeratū ex Indis:
et vbi nostros appropinquare videbāt: fugam
celeriter arripuisse: despretis a patre liberis ⁊
ecōtra. ⁊ hoc nō q̄ cuipiam eorū damnū aliqd
vel iniuria illata fuerit: immo ad quoscūq; ap-
puli ⁊ q̄bus cū verbū facere porui: quicqd ha-
bebā sum elargit⁹: pannū aliaq; p̄multa: nulla
mibi facta versura: sed sunt natura pauidi ac
timidi. Letex vbi se cernūt tutos: omī metu re-
pulso: sunt ad modū simplices ac bone fidei: ⁊
in omībus que habent liberalissimi: roganti q̄
possidet inficiat nemo: quin ipsi nos ad id po-
scendum inuitāt. Amaximū erga oēs amorē p̄-
seferūt: dāt queq; magna p̄ paruis. minima lz
re nihiloue ptenti: ego attē p̄hibui ne tam mi-
nima ⁊ nulli⁹ p̄cū hisce darent: vt sunt lancis/
parapsidū / vitriq; fragmēta / itez clauī / ligule /
quanq; si hoc poterāt adipisci: videbat eis pul-
cerrima mūdi possidere iocalia. Accidit enim
quēdam nauitā: tantū auri pondus habuisse
p̄ vna ligula: quāti sūt tres aurei solidi: ⁊ sic
alios p̄ alijs mīoris p̄cū: p̄ftim p̄ blanquis no-
uis: ⁊ q̄busdā nūmis aurcis: p̄ q̄b⁹ habēdis da-
bāt qcqd perebat vēditor: putavnciā cū dimi-
dia ⁊ duas auri: vl̄ trigīta ⁊ q̄dragīta bombiq;

pondo: quā ipī iā nouerāt. itē arcuum/ampho-
 re/hydrie/dolijq; fragmēta: bombicez auro tā
 q; bestie cōparabāt. qđ quia iniquū sane erat:
 vetui: dedi q; eis multa pulcra z grata q; mecū
 tulerā nullo iterueniēte p̄mio: vt eos mihi fa-
 cili⁹ p̄ciliarē: fierētq; xp̄icole: z vt sint proni in
 amorē erga Regē/Reginā principesq; nostros
 et vniuersas gētes Hispanie: ac studeāt p̄gre-
 re z coaceruare: ea q; nobis tradere qđ ipī af-
 fluūt z nos magnope idigem⁹. Nullā hū norūt
 ydolatriā: imo firmissime credūt oēz vim: oēz
 potētiā: oīa deniq; bona esse ī celo: meq; inde
 cū his nauib⁹ z nautis descēdisse: atz h̄ aio vbi
 fui susceptus postq; metū repulerāt. Nec sunt
 segnes aut rudes: quin summi ac p̄spicacis in-
 genij: z hoīes qui transfretāt mare illō: nō sine
 admiratiōe vniuscuiusq; rei rationē reddunt:
 sed nūq; viderunt gentes vestitas: neq; naues
 hmōi Ego statim atq; ad mare illō pueni: e p̄ri-
 ma insula quosdā Indos violenter arripui: q;
 ediscerēt a nobis: z nos p̄iter docerent ea: q; z
 ipsi in hisce partibus cognitionē habebant. et
 ex voto successit: nā breui nos ip̄os: z hū nos:
 tum gestu ac signis: tum verbis intellexerunt.
 magnoq; nobis fuere emolumēto. veniunt mō
 mecū tñ qui semp putant me desiluisse e celo
 q̄uis diu nobiscū versati fuerint hodieq; vers

senē. ⁊ hi erant primi: q̄ id quocūq; appellaba-
mus nunciabāt: alij deinceps alijs elata voce
dicētes. Venite venite ⁊ videbitis gētes ethe-
reas. Quāobrē tā femīe q̄ viri: tā impuberes
q̄ adulti: tam iuuenes q̄ senes: d̄posita formi-
dine paulo ante d̄cepta: nos certatim vīsebāt
magna iter stipāte caterua alijs cibū/ alijs po-
tum afferentib⁹: maxio cū amore ac beniuolē-
tia incredibili. Habz vnaqueq; insula multas
scaphas solidi ligni: ⁊ si angustas: longitudine
tñ ac forma nostris biremib⁹ similes: cursu autē
velociores. Regunt remis tantūmodo. Harū
quedā sunt magne: quedā parue: quedā ī me-
dio p̄sistunt. Plures tamē biremi que remigēt
duodeuiginti transtris maiores: cū q̄b⁹ in oēs
illas insulas: que innumere sunt: traūcīt. cūq;
his suā mercaturā exercēt: et inter eos comer-
tia fiunt. Aliquas ego harū biremium seu sca-
pharū: vidi q̄vehebāt septuaginta ⁊ octuagin-
ta remiges. In omnib⁹ his insulis nulla est di-
uersitas inter gentis effigies. nulla in moribus
atq; loquela: quin oēs se intelligūt adinuicē:
que res p̄utilis est ad id qđ serenissimū Regē
nostrū exoptare precipue reor: scz eoz ad san-
ctam xp̄i fidem p̄ersionē. cui quidē quantum
intelligere potui facilimi sunt ⁊ p̄ni. Dixi quē

admodū sum pgressus antea insulā Iohanaꝝ
p rectū tramiteꝝ occasus in orientem miliaria
cccxxij. fm quā viā ⁊ intuallū itineris possum
dicere hāc Iohanā esse maiorē Anglia ⁊ Sco
tia fil: nanqꝫ vltra dicta. cccxxij. passuū milia:
in ea pre q̄ ad occidentē p̄spectat: due: quas
non petij: sup sunt puincie: quaz alterā Indi
Anan vocāt: cui⁹ accolē caudati nascunt. Tē
dunt in longitudinem ad miliaria. clxxx. vt ab
his q̄s veho mecū Indis p̄cepi: qui om̄is has
callēt insulas. Hispanie vero ambit⁹ maior est
total Hispania a cologna vsqꝫ ad fontē ravidū
hincqꝫ facile arguit q̄ quartū ei⁹ lat⁹ qd̄ ip̄e
p rectā lineā occidentis in orientē traieci: mili
aria p̄tinet. dxi. Hec insula ē affectāda ⁊ affe
ctata nō sp̄nēda in qua ⁊ si aliaꝝ oīm vt dixi
p inuictissimo Rege n̄ro solenniter possessio
nem accepi: earūqꝫ imperiū dicto Regi peni
tus cōmitti: i oportuniōi tñ loco: atqꝫ om̄i lu
cro ⁊ cōmertio p̄decenti: cuiusdā magneville:
cui Natiuitatis dñi nomē dedim⁹: possessionē
peculiariter accepi. ibiqꝫ arcem quandā erigē
gere extemplo iussi: que modo iam debet esse
pacta: in quā hoīes qui necessarij sunt visi: cū
om̄i armoz genere: ⁊ vltra annū victu oportu
no reliq̄. Itē quādā carauellā: ⁊ p alijs p̄struē
pis tā i hac arte q̄ in ceteri peritos: ac eiusdē



insule Regis erga nos beniuolentiā ⁊ famili-
 ritatē incredibilē. Sūt em̃ gētes ille amabiles
 admodū ⁊ benigne: eo q̃ Rex p̃dictus me fra-
 trem suum dici gloriabat̃. Et si animū reuoca-
 rent: ⁊ his q̃ ī arce manserūt nocere velint: ne-
 queūt: quia armis carēt: nudi icedūt: ⁊ nimīū
 timidi. ideo dictā arcem tenētes: dū taxat p̃nt
 totā eā insulā nullo sibi imminente discrimine
 (dūmodo leges quas dedim⁹ ac regimē nō ex-
 cedāt) facile detinere. In om̃ib⁹ his insulis vt
 intellexi: quisq̃ vni tm̃ coniugi acquiescit: p̃ter
 principes aut reges: q̃bus viginti habere licz.
 Semine magis q̃ viri laborare vident̃: nec be-
 ne potui intelligere an habeāt bona pp̃ria: vi-
 di em̃ qd̃ vn⁹ habebat alijs īpartiri: p̃p̃tim da-
 pes/ obsonia/ ⁊ hm̃oi. Nullū ap̃d eos monst̃
 reperi: vt pleriq̃ existimabant: sed hoīes ma-
 gne reuerētie atq̃ benignos. Nec sunt nigri ve-
 lut ethiopes. habēt crines planos ac demissos
 nō degunt vbi radiozū solaris emicat calor. p̃
 magna nāq̃ hic est solis vehementia: p̃pterea
 q̃ ab æq̃noctiali linea distat. vbi videtur/ gra-
 dus sex ⁊ viginti Ex montiū cacuminib⁹ ma-
 ximū q̃ viget frig⁹: sz id q̃dem moderant̃ In-
 di: tū loci p̃suetudie: tū rex calidissimarū q̃b⁹
 frequēter ⁊ luxuriose vescunt̃ presidio. Itaq̃
 mōstra aliq̃ nō vidi: neq̃ eoz alicubi habui co-

gnitionem: excepta quadāz insula Lharis nūc
cupata: que secunda ex Ihsipana in Indiam
transfretatibus existit. quam gens quedam a
finitimis habita ferocior incolit. hi carne hu-
mana vescunt. Habent predicti biremiū gene-
ra plurima: quibus in omnes Indicas insulas
trauciunt/depredāt/surripiūtq; quecūq; pnt.
Nihil ab alijs differunt nisi q; gerunt more fe-
mineo longos crines. vtunt arcub⁹ et spiculis
arundineis: fixis (vt dixim⁹) in grossiori pre at-
tenuatis hastilib⁹. ideoq; habēt feroces: qua-
re ceteri Indi in exhausto metu plectuntur: sz
hos ego nihili facio plus q; alios. Ibi sunt qui
coeunt cum quibusdam feminis: que sole insu-
lam Athateunin primā ex Ihsipana in Indiam
trauicentib⁹ habitant. Ihe autē femine nulluz
sui sexus opus exercent: vtunt em arcub⁹ et spi-
culi sicuti d ear⁹ piugib⁹ dixi muniūt: sese lami-
nis eneis q; maria apd eas copia existit. Ali-
am mihi insulā affirmant supradicta Ihsipana
maiorē: ei⁹ incole carēt pilis. auroq; int alias
potissimū exuberat. Ihui⁹ insule et aliar⁹ q; vi-
di hoies mecū porto: q; hor⁹ q; dixi testimoniū
phibēt. Deniq; vt nri discessus et celeris reuer-
siois cōpēdiū: ac emolumētū breuib⁹ astringā
h polliceor: me nris Regib⁹ inuictissimis puo-
eor⁹ fultū auxilio: tantū auri datur⁹ quantum

eis fuerit opus. tñ vero aromatuꝝ. bombicis.
 masticeis (q̃ apud Chium dūtatur inueniē) tan
 tūq; ligni aloes. tantum fuoz hydrophilatoꝝ
 rum: quantū eozū maiestas voluerit exigere.
 Item reubarbarū ⁊ alia aromatuꝝ genera: q̃ hi
 quos in dicta arce reliqui iā inuenisse: atq; in
 uenturos existimo. qñquidem ego nullibi ma
 gis sum moratus nisi quantū me coegerūt vē
 ti: preterq; in villa Hlatiuitatis: dū arcem con
 dere ⁊ tuta om̃ia esse prouidi. Que ⁊ si maxia
 et inaudita sunt: multo tamē maiora forent si
 naues mihi vt ratio exigit subuenissent. Ulex
 multū ac mirabile hoc: nec nostris meritis cor
 respondēs: sed sancte Christiane fidei: nostroꝝ
 rumq; Regū pietati ac religioni: quia qđ hu
 manus cōsequi nō poterat intellectus: id hūa
 nis concessit diuinus. Solet em̃ deus suos su
 os: quicq; sua p̃cepta diligūt: etiā ī impossibili
 bus exaudire: vt nobis ī p̃ntia p̃tigit: q̃ ea p̃se
 cuti sum⁹: q̃ hacten⁹ mortaliū vires mīme atti
 gerāt. nā si harū insularū q̃piā aliqd sc̃pserit aut
 locuti sūt: oēs p̃ambages ⁊ p̃iecturas nemo se
 eas vidisse asserit: vñ ppe videbat̃ fabula Igi
 tūr Rex ⁊ Regia p̃ncipes ac eoz regna felicif
 sima: cū teq; alie Christianoz puincie Salua
 tori dño ñro Iesu xp̃o agam⁹ gr̃as: q̃ tāta nos
 victoria munereq; donauit: celebrēt p̃cessiōes

peragant solennia sacra. festaq; fronde velent
delubra. Exultet Christ⁹ i terris: quēadmodū
in celis exultat: cum tot populorum p^ditas an
hac animas saluatum iri p^reuider. Letemur ⁊
nos: tū p^pter exaltationē nostre fidei. tum p^p
pter rerū temporaliū incremēta: quoz nō solū
Hispania sed vniuersa Christianitas est futu^r
ra princeps. Hec vt gesta sunt sic breuiter enar^r
rata. Vale. Vlisbone pridie ydus Asarci.

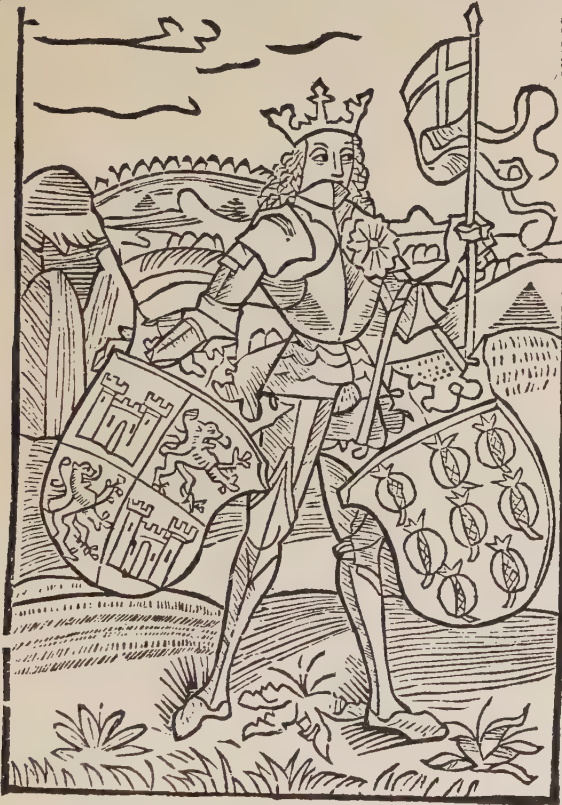
Christofor⁹ Colom Oceane classis Prefect⁹.

Epigrama. R. V. de Corbaria Episcopi
Adontispalusij

Ad Inuictissimū Regē Hispaniaꝝ

Jam nulla Hispanis tellus addēda triūphiis:
Atq; parum tantis virib⁹/orbis erat.
Nunc longe Loïs regio deprensā sub vndis.
Auctura est titulos Berice magne tuos.
Vnde repertori merito referenda Colūbo
Gratia: s; summo est maior habēda deo:
Qui vincēda parat noua regna tibiq; sibiq;
Teq; simul fortem prestat ⁊ esse pium.

Fernād^o rex byspania



Granata:



TRANSLATION.

THE DISCOVERED ISLANDS.

Letter of Christopher Columbus, to whom our age owes much, concerning the islands recently discovered in the Indian sea.¹ For the search of which, eight months before, he was sent under the auspices and at the cost of the most invincible Ferdinand, king of Spain.² Addressed to the magnificent lord Raphael Sanxis,³ treasurer of the same most illustrious king, and which the noble and learned man Leander de Cosco has translated from the Spanish language into Latin, on the third of the kalends of May,⁴ 1493, the first year of the pontificate of Alexander the Sixth.



BECAUSE my undertakings have attained success, I know that it will be pleasing to you: these I have determined to relate, so that you may be made acquainted with everything done and discovered in this our voyage. On the thirty-third day after I departed from Cadiz,⁵ I came to the Indian sea, where I found many islands inhabited by

¹ In the other editions this part of the sentence reads: "concerning the islands of India beyond the Ganges, recently discovered."

² The name of Isabella (Helisabet) is also omitted in the title of one of Planck's editions; it is found in the two other Roman editions.

³ The correct form is Gabriel Sanchez.

⁴ April 29th.

⁵ A mistake of the Latin translator. Columbus sailed from Palos on the 3d of August, 1492; on the 8th of September he left the Canaries, and on the 11th of October, or thirty-three days later, he reached the Bahamas.

men without number, of all which I took possession for our most fortunate king, with proclaiming heralds and flying standards, no one objecting. To the first of these I gave the name of the blessed Saviour,¹ on whose aid relying I had reached this as well as the other islands. But the Indians call it Guanahany. I also called each one of the others by a new name. For I ordered one island to be called Santa Maria of the Conception,² another Fernandina,³ another Isabella,⁴ another Juana,⁵ and so on with the rest. As soon as we had arrived at that island which I have just now said was called Juana, I proceeded along its coast towards the west for some distance; I found it so large and without perceptible end, that I believed it to be not an island, but the continental country of Cathay;⁶ seeing, however, no towns or cities situated on the sea-coast, but only some villages and rude farms, with whose inhabitants I was unable to converse, because as soon as they saw us they took flight. I proceeded farther, thinking that I would discover some city or large residences. At length, perceiving that we had gone far enough, that nothing new appeared, and that this way was leading us to the north, which I wished to avoid, because it was winter

¹ In Spanish, San Salvador, one of the Bahama islands. It has been variously identified with Grand Turk, Cat, Watling, Mariguana, Samana, and Acklin islands. Watling's Island seems to have much in its favor.

² Perhaps Crooked Island, or, according to others, North Caico.

³ Identified by some with Long Island; by others with Little Inagua.

⁴ Identified variously with Fortune Island and Great Inagua.

⁵ The island of Cuba.

⁶ China.

on the land, and it was my intention to go to the south, moreover the winds were becoming violent, I therefore determined that no other plans were practicable, and so, going back, I returned to a certain bay that I had noticed, from which I sent two of our men to the land, that they might find out whether there was a king in this country, or any cities. These men traveled for three days, and they found people and houses without number, but they were small and without any government, therefore they returned. Now in the meantime I had learned from certain Indians, whom I had seized there, that this country was indeed an island, and therefore I proceeded towards the east, keeping all the time near the coast, for 322 miles, to the extreme ends of this island. From this place I saw another island to the east, distant from this Juana 54 miles, which I called forthwith Hispana;¹ and I sailed to it; and I steered along the northern coast, as at Juana, towards the east, 564 miles. And the said Juana and the other islands there appear very fertile. This island is surrounded by many very safe and wide harbors, not excelled by any others that I have ever seen. Many great and salubrious rivers flow through it. There are also many very high mountains there. All these islands are very beautiful, and distinguished by various qualities; they are accessible, and full of a great variety of trees stretching up to the stars; the leaves of which I believe are never shed, for I saw them as green and flourishing as they are usually in Spain

¹ Hispaniola, or Hayti.

in the month of May; some of them were blossoming, some were bearing fruit, some were in other conditions; each one was thriving in its own way. The nightingale and various other birds without number were singing, in the month of November, when I was exploring them. There are besides in the said island Juana seven or eight kinds of palm trees, which far excel ours in height and beauty, just as all the other trees, herbs, and fruits do. There are also excellent pine trees, vast plains and meadows, a variety of birds, a variety of honey, and a variety of metals, excepting iron. In the one which was called Hispana, as we said above, there are great and beautiful mountains, vast fields, groves, fertile plains, very suitable for planting and cultivating, and for the building of houses. The convenience of the harbors in this island, and the remarkable number of rivers contributing to the healthfulness of man, exceed belief, unless one has seen them. The trees, pasturage, and fruits of this island differ greatly from those of Juana. This Hispana, moreover, abounds in different kinds of spices, in gold, and in metals. On this island, indeed, and on all the others which I have seen, and of which I have knowledge, the inhabitants of both sexes go always naked, just as they came into the world, except some of the women, who use a covering of a leaf or some foliage, or a cotton cloth, which they make themselves for that purpose. All these people lack, as I said above, every kind of iron; they are also without weapons, which indeed are unknown; nor are they competent to use

them, not on account of deformity of body, for they are well formed, but because they are timid and full of fear. They carry for weapons, however, reeds baked in the sun, on the lower ends of which they fasten some shafts of dried wood rubbed down to a point; and indeed they do not venture to use these always; for it frequently happened when I sent two or three of my men to some of the villages, that they might speak with the natives, a compact troop of the Indians would march out, and as soon as they saw our men approaching, they would quickly take flight, children being pushed aside by their fathers, and fathers by their children. And this was not because any hurt or injury had been inflicted on any one of them, for to every one whom I visited and with whom I was able to converse, I distributed whatever I had, cloth and many other things, no return being made to me; but they are by nature fearful and timid. Yet when they perceive that they are safe, putting aside all fear, they are of simple manners and trustworthy, and very liberal with everything they have, refusing no one who asks for anything they may possess, and even themselves inviting us to ask for things. They show greater love for all others than for themselves; they give valuable things for trifles, being satisfied even with a very small return, or with nothing; however, I forbade that things so small and of no value should be given to them, such as pieces of plates, dishes and glass, likewise keys and shoe-straps; although if they were able to obtain these, it seemed to them like getting the most

beautiful jewels in the world. It happened, indeed, that a certain sailor obtained in exchange for a shoe-strap as much worth of gold as would equal three golden coins; and likewise other things for articles of very little value, especially for new silver coins, and for some gold coins, to obtain which they gave whatever the seller desired, as for instance an ounce and a half and two ounces of gold, or thirty and forty pounds of cotton, with which they were already acquainted. They also traded cotton and gold for pieces of bows, bottles, jugs and jars, like persons without reason, which I forbade because it was very wrong; and I gave to them many beautiful and pleasing things that I had brought with me, no value being taken in exchange, in order that I might the more easily make them friendly to me, that they might be made worshippers of Christ, and that they might be full of love towards our king, queen, and prince, and the whole Spanish nation; also that they might be zealous to search out and collect, and deliver to us those things of which they had plenty, and which we greatly needed. These people practice no kind of idolatry; on the contrary they firmly believe that all strength and power, and in fact all good things are in heaven, and that I had come down from thence with these ships and sailors; and in this belief I was received there after they had put aside fear. Nor are they slow or unskilled, but of excellent and acute understanding; and the men who have navigated that sea give an account of everything in an admirable manner; but they never

saw people clothed, nor these kind of ships. As soon as I reached that sea, I seized by force several Indians on the first island, in order that they might learn from us, and in like manner tell us about those things in these lands of which they themselves had knowledge; and the plan succeeded, for in a short time we understood them and they us, sometimes by gestures and signs, sometimes by words; and it was a great advantage to us. They are coming with me now, yet always believing that I descended from heaven, although they have been living with us for a long time, and are living with us to-day. And these men were the first who announced it wherever we landed, continually proclaiming to the others in a loud voice, "Come, come, and you will see the celestial people." Whereupon both women and men, both children and adults, both young men and old men, laying aside the fear caused a little before, visited us eagerly, filling the road with a great crowd, some bringing food, and some drink, with great love and extraordinary goodwill. On every island there are many canoes of a single piece of wood; and though narrow, yet in length and shape similar to our row-boats, but swifter in movement. They steer only by oars. Some of these boats are large, some small, some of medium size. Yet they row many of the larger row-boats with eighteen cross-benches, with which they cross to all those islands, which are innumerable, and with these boats they perform their trading, and carry on commerce among them. I saw some of these row-boats or canoes

which were carrying seventy and eighty rowers. In all these islands there is no difference in the appearance of the people, nor in the manners and language, but all understand each other mutually; a fact that is very important for the end which I suppose to be earnestly desired by our most illustrious king, that is, their conversion to the holy religion of Christ, to which in truth, as far as I can perceive, they are very ready and favorably inclined. I said before how I proceeded along the island Juana in a straight line from west to east 322 miles, according to which course and the length of the way, I am able to say that this Juana is larger than England and Scotland together; for besides the said 322 thousand paces, there are two more provinces in that part which lies towards the west, which I did not visit; one of these the Indians call Anan, whose inhabitants are born with tails. They extend to 180 miles in length, as I have learned from those Indians I have with me, who are all acquainted with these islands. But the circumference of Hispana is greater than all Spain from Colonia to Fontarabia.¹ This is easily proved, because its fourth side, which I myself passed along in a straight line from west to east, extends 540 miles. This island is to be desired and is very desirable, and not to be despised; in which, although as I have said, I solemnly took possession of all the others for our most invincible king, and their government is entirely committed to the said king, yet I especially took possession of a certain large town, in a very con-

¹ From Catalonia by the sea-coast to Fontarabia in Biscay.

venient location, and adapted to all kinds of gain and commerce, to which we give the name of our Lord of the Nativity. And I commanded a fort to be built there forthwith, which must be completed by this time ; in which I left as many men as seemed necessary, with all kinds of arms, and plenty of food for more than a year. Likewise one caravel, and for the construction of others men skilled in this trade and in other professions ; and also the extraordinary good will and friendship of the king of this island toward us. For those people are very amiable and kind, to such a degree that the said king gloried in calling me his brother. And if they should change their minds, and should wish to hurt those who remained in the fort, they would not be able, because they lack weapons, they go naked, and are too cowardly. For that reason those who hold the said fort are at least able to resist easily this whole island, without any imminent danger to themselves, so long as they do not transgress the regulations and command which we gave. In all these islands, as I have understood, each man is content with only one wife, except the princes or kings, who are permitted to have twenty. The women appear to work more than the men. I was not able to find out surely whether they have individual property, for I saw that one man had the duty of distributing to the others, especially refreshments, food, and things of that kind. I found no monstrosities among them, as very many supposed, but men of great reverence, and friendly. Nor are they black like the Ethiopians. They have

straight hair, hanging down. They do not remain where the solar rays send out the heat, for the strength of the sun is very great here, because it is distant from the equinoctial line, as it seems, only twenty-six degrees. On the tops of the mountains too the cold is severe, but the Indians, however, moderate it, partly by being accustomed to the place, and partly by the help of very hot victuals, of which they eat frequently and immoderately. And so I did not see any monstrosity, nor did I have knowledge of them any where, excepting a certain island named Charis,¹ which is the second in passing from Hispana to India. This island is inhabited by a certain people who are considered very warlike by their neighbors. These eat human flesh. The said people have many kinds of row-boats, in which they cross over to all the other Indian islands, and seize and carry away every thing that they can. They differ in no way from the others, only that they wear long hair like the women. They use bows and darts made of reeds, with sharpened shafts fastened to the larger end, as we have described. On this account they are considered warlike, wherefore the other Indians are afflicted with continual fear, but I regard them as of no more account than the others. These are the people who visit certain women, who alone inhabit the island Mateunin,² which is the first in passing from Hispana to India. These women, moreover, perform no kind of work of their sex, for they use bows and darts, like those I have described

¹ Identified with Dominica.

² Supposed to be Martinique.

of their husbands; they protect themselves with sheets of copper, of which there is great abundance among them. They tell me of another island greater than the aforesaid Hispana, whose inhabitants are without hair, and which abounds in gold above all the others. I am bringing with me men of this island and of the others that I have seen, who give proof of the things that I have described. Finally, that I may compress in few words the brief account of our departure and quick return, and the gain, I promise this, that if I am supported by our most invincible sovereigns with a little of their help, as much gold can be supplied as they will need, indeed as much of spices, of cotton, of chewing gum (which is only found in Chios), also as much of aloes wood, and as many slaves for the navy, as their majesties will wish to demand. Likewise rhubarb and other kinds of spices, which I suppose these men whom I left in the said fort have already found, and will continue to find; since I remained in no place longer than the winds forced me, except in the town of the Nativity, while I provided for the building of the fort, and for the safety of all. Which things, although they are very great and remarkable, yet they would have been much greater, if I had been aided by as many ships as the occasion required. Truly great and wonderful is this, and not corresponding to our merits, but to the holy Christian religion, and to the piety and religion of our sovereigns, because what the human understanding could not attain, that the divine will has granted to human efforts. For God is

wont to listen to his servants who love his precepts, even in impossibilities, as has happened to us on the present occasion, who have attained that which hitherto mortal men have never reached. For if any one has written or said any thing about these islands, it was all with obscurities and conjectures; no one claims that he had seen them; from which they seemed like fables. Therefore let the king and queen, the princes and their most fortunate kingdoms, and all other countries of Christendom give thanks to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has bestowed upon us so great a victory and gift. Let religious processions be solemnized; let sacred festivals be given; let the churches be covered with festive garlands. Let Christ rejoice on earth, as he rejoices in heaven, when he foresees coming to salvation so many souls of people hitherto lost. Let us be glad also, as well on account of the exaltation of our faith, as on account of the increase of our temporal affairs, of which not only Spain, but universal Christendom will be partaker. These things that have been done are thus briefly related. Farewell. Lisbon, the day before the ides of March.¹

Christopher Columbus, admiral of the Ocean fleet.

¹ March 14th, 1493.

Epigram of R. L. de Corbaria, bishop of Monte Peloso.

To the most invincible King of Spain.

No region now can add to Spain's great deeds:

To such men all the world is yet too small.

An Orient land, found far beyond the waves,

Will add, great Betica, to thy renown.

Then to Columbus, the true finder, give

Due thanks; but greater still to God on high;

Who makes new kingdoms for himself and thee:

Both firm and pious let thy conduct be.

THE EARLIEST FOUR EDITIONS IN LATIN
OF THE FIRST LETTER OF COLUMBUS.

[THE ILLUSTRATED EDITION.]

[*Third page begins.*] De Infulis inuentis ||

Epistola Cristoferi Colom (cui etas nostra || multum debet : de Infulis in mari Indico nuper || inuentis. Ad quas perquirendas octauo antea || mense : auspicijs et ere Inuictissimi Fernandi || Hispaniarum Regis missus fuerat) ad Mag- || nificum dominum Raphaelem Sanxis : eiusdem fere- || nissimi Regis Thesaurarium missa. quam nobi || lis ac litteratus vir Aliander de Cosco : ab Hispano ydeomate in latinum conuertit : tercio kalendas || Maij. M. cccc. xcij. Pontificatus Alexandri || Sexti Anno Primo. ||

[PLANNCK'S "FERDINAND" EDITION.]

¶ Epistola Christofori Colom : cui aetas nostra multum debet : de || Infulis Indiae supra Gangem nuper inuentis. Ad quas perqui- || rendas octauo antea mense auspicijs et aere inuictissimi Fernan- || di Hispaniarum Regis missus fuerat : ad Magnificum dominum Ra || phaelem Sanxis : eiusdem serenissimi Regis Thesaurarium missa : || quam nobilis ac litteratus vir Aliander de Cosco ab Hispano || ideomate in latinum conuertit : tertio kalendas Maij. M. cccc. xcij. || Pontificatus Alexandri Sexti Anno Primo. ||

[SILBER'S EDITION.]

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[PLANNCK'S "FERDINAND AND ISABELLA" EDITION.]

¶ Epistola Christofori Colom: cui etas nostra multum debet: de || Insulis Indíe supra Gangem nuper inuentis. Ad quas perquiren- || das octauo antea mense auspiciis *et* ere inuictissimorum Fernandi *et* || Helisabet Hispaniarum Regum missus fuerat: ad magnificum dominum || Gabrielem Sanchis eorundem ferenissimorum Regum Tefaurarium || missa: quam nobilis ac litteratus vir Leander de Cosco ab Hispa || no idiomate in latinum conuertit tertio kalendas Maii. M. cccc. xciii || Pontificatus Alexandri Sexti Anno primo. ||

Uniam fufcepte prouintie rem *per-* || fectam
 [Q] me *consecutum* fuiſſe: *gratum* ti || bi fore
 ſcio: has *conſtitui* exarare: que || te vniuf
 cuiuſque rei in hoc noſtro iti- || nere geſte inuenteque
 admoneant. Triceſimoter || tio die poſtquam Gadibus
 diſceſſi: in mare Indi- || cum perueni: vbi plurimas
 Infulas innumeris || habitatas hominibus repperi:
 quarum omnium pro feli- || ciſſimo Rege noſtro: pre-
 conio celebrato *et* ve- || xillis extenſis: contradicente
 nemine poſſeſſio- || nem accepi. primeque earum: diui
 Saluatoris no || men impoſui (cuius fretus auxilio) tam
 ad hanc || quam ad ceteras alias peruenimus. Eam vero
 Indi || [*Fifth page begins:*] Guanahanyn vocant. Ali-
 arum etiam vnam quanque || nouo nomine nuncupau.

[PLANNCK'S "FERDINAND" EDITION.]



Uniam fufceptae prouintiæ rem perfectam
 me *consecutum* || fuiſſe *gratum* tibi fore ſcio:
 has *conſtitui* exarare: quæ te || vniufcuiusque
 rei in hoc noſtro itinerè geſtæ inuenta~~que~~ ad- || mo-
 neant: Triceſimotertio die poſtquam Gadibus diſceſſi
 in mare || Indicum perueni: vbi plurimas infulas
 innumeris habitatas ho- || minibus repperi: quarum
 omnium pro foeliciffimo Rege noſtro || præconio
 celebrato *et* vexillis extenſis contradicente nemine
 poſ- || ſeſſionem accepi: primæque earum diui Salua-
 toris nomen impo- || fui: cuius fretus auxilio tam ad
 hanc: quam ad caeteras alias perue- || nimus. Eam
 vero Indi Guanahanin vocant. Aliarum etiam vnam ||
 quanque nouo nomine nuncupau. Quippe aliam infu-



Uoniam fuscepte prouincie rem perfectam me
 conse || cutum fuisse gratum tibi fore scio: has
 constitui exarare || que te vniuscuiusque rei
 in hoc nostro itinere geste in || uenteque admoneant:
 Tricesimotertio die postquam Ga || dibus discessi in
 mare Indicum perueni: vbi plurimas || insulas innu-
 meris habitatas hominibus repperi: quarum omni- ||
 um pro foeliciissimo Rege nostro preconio celebrato et
 vexillis exten || sis contradicente nemine possessionem
 accepi: primeque earum di- || ui Saluatoris nomen im-
 posui: cuius fretus auxilio tam ad hanc: || quam ad
 ceteras alias peruenimus. Eam vero Indi Guanahanin
 vo || cant. Aliarum etiam vnam quanque nouo nomine
 nuncupau. Quip || pe aliam insulam Sancte Marie

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Uoniam fuscepte prouintie rem perfectam me
 consecutum || fuisse gratum tibi fore scio: has
 constitui exarare: que te || vniuscuiusque rei
 in hoc nostro itinere geste inuenteque ad- || mone-
 ant: Tricesimotertio die postquam Gadibus discessi in
 mare || Indicum perueni: vbi plurimas insulas innu-
 meris habitatas ho- || minibus repperi: quarum omnium
 pro felicissimo Rege nostro || preconio celebrato et
 vexillis extensis contradicente nemine pos- || sessionem
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 alias perue- || nimus. Eam vero Indi Guanahanin vo-
 cant. Aliarum etiam vnam || quanque nouo nomine
 nuncupau: quippe aliam insulam Sancte || Marie Con-

Quippe aliam Infu || lam Sancte Marie Conceptionis.
 aliam Fernan- || dinam. aliam Hyfabellam. aliam Ioha-
 nam. *et* sic || de reliquis appellari iussi. Quamprimum
 in eam In- || fulam quam dudum Iohanam vocari dixi
 appuli || mus: iuxta eius littus occidentem versus ali-
 quan- || tulum processi: tamque eam magnam nullo re-
 per || to fine inueni: vt non infulam: sed continentem ||
 Chatay prouinciam esse crediderim: nulla tamen ||
 videns oppida municipiaue in maritimis sita con- || fini-
 bus: preter aliquos vicos *et* predia rustica: || cum quorum
 incolis loqui nequibam: quare si- || mul ac nos videbant
 furripiebant fugam. Pro || grediebar vltra: existimans
 aliquam me urbem || villasue inuenturum. Denique
 videns quod longe || admodum progressis: nihil noui

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 nam. aliam Hyfabellam. || aliam Iohanam. *et* sic de
 reliquis appellari iussi. Quamprimum || in eam infulam
 quam dudum Iohanam vocari dixi appulimus: iu ||
 xta eius littus occidentem versus aliquantulum processi:
 tamque || eam magnam nullo reperto fine inueni: vt
 non infulam: sed conti || nentem Chatai prouinciam
 esse crediderim: nulla tamen videns op- || pida muni-
 cipiaue in maritimis sita confinibus praeter aliquos
 vi- || cos *et* predia rustica: cum quorum incolis loqui
 nequibam. quare si || mul ac nos videbant furripiebant
 fugam. Progrediebar vltra: || existimans aliquam me
 urbem villasue inuenturum. Denique videns || quod
 longe admodum progressis nihil noui emergebat: *et*

Conceptionis. *aliam* Fernandinam || *aliam* Hijfabellam.
*alima*¹ Ioanam. *et* sic de reliquis appellari iussi. || Cum-
 primum in eam Insulam quam dudum Ioanam vocari
 dixi || appulimus: iuxta eius littus occidentem versus
 aliquantulum *procef* || *fi*: tamque eam magnam nullo
 reperto fine inueni: vt non *insulam*: sed || continentem
 Chatai prouinciam esse crediderim: nulla *tamen* videns ||
 oppida municipiaue in maritimis sita confinibus preter
 aliquos vi || cos *et* predia rustica: cum quorum incolis
 loqui nequibam quare simul || ac nos videbant furri-
 piebant fugam. Progrediebar vltra: existi- || mans
 aliquam me urbem villasue inuenturum. Denique vi-
 dens quod lon- || ge admodum progressis nichil noui

¹ Misprint for *aliam*.

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 preter aliquos vi- || cos *et* predia rustica: cum quorum
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 mans aliquam me urbem villasue inuenturum. Denique
 videns || quod longe admodum progressis nihil noui
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 defere || bat: *quod* ipse fugere exoptabam: terris et-
 enim re || gnabat bruma: ad austrumque erat in
 voto con- || tendere: nec minus venti flagitantibus
 fucce- || debant. constitui alios non operiri successus:
 et sic || retrocedens ad portum quendam quem fig-
 na- || ueram sum reuersus: unde duos homines ex
 no- || stris in terram misi. qui inuestigarent: esset ne ||
 Rex in ea prouincia, vrbesue aliquæ. Hij per ||
 [*Seventh page begins.*] tres dies ambularunt: inuene-
 runtque innumeros || populos *et* habitationes: paruas
 tamen et absque vlllo || regimine: quapropter redierunt.
 Interea ego iam || intellexeram a quibusdam Indis:
 quos ibidem fu- || sceperam: quod *huiusmodi* prouin-

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huiusmodi via || nos ad Septentrionem deferebat:
quod ipse fugere exoptabam: terris || etenim regnabat
 bruma: ad Austrumque erat in voto contendere: ||
 [*Second page begins.*] nec minus venti flagitantibus
 succedebant. constitui alios non ope || riri successus: *et*
 sic retrocedens ad portum quendam quem signaue- ||
 ram sum reuersus: unde duos homines ex nostris in
 terram misi: qui || inuestigarent esset ne Rex in ea
 prouincia vrbesue aliquæ. Hi per || tres dies ambu-
 larunt inueneruntque innumeros populos *et* habita ||
 tiones paruas tamen *et* absque vlllo regimine: quaprop-
 ter redierunt. || Interea ego iam intellexeram a quibus-
 dam Indis quos ibidem fu- || sceperam quod *huiusmodi*
 prouincia insula quidem erat: *et* sic perrexi ori || entem

emergebat: *et hujusmodi* via nos ad sep || tentrionem
 deferebat: *quod* ipse fugere exoptabam: terris etenim
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 tendere: nec minus ven- || ti flagitantibus succedebant.
 constitui alios non operiri successus: *et* sic || retrocedens
 ad portum quandam quem signaueram sum reuerfus:
 vn || de duos homines ex nostris in terram misi qui in-
 uestigarent esset ne || Rex in ea prouincia vrbesue alique
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 meros populos *et* habitationes paruas tamen || *et* absque
 vllo regimine: quapropter redierunt. Interra² ego iam
 in- || tellexeram a quibusdam Indis quos ibidem suscep-
 eram *quod hujusmodi* pro- || [*Second page begins:*]

¹ Misprint for *bruma*.² Misprint for *Interea*.

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deferebat: *quod* ipse fugere exoptabam: terris || etenim
 regnabat bruma: ad Austrumque erat in voto conten-
 dere: || [*Second page begins:*] nec minus venti flagitan-
 tibus succedebant. constitui alios non ope || riri successus:
et sic retrocedens ad portum quandam quem signaue- ||
 ram sum reuerfus: vnde duos homines ex nostris in
 terram misi: qui || inuestigarent esset ne Rex in ea
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 uincia insula quidem erat: *et* sic perrexi ori || entem
 versus eius semper fringens littora vsque ad miliaria.

cia: infula quidem || erat. *et* sic perrexi orientem ver-
 fus: eius semper strin || gens littora vsque ad miliaria.
 cccxxij. vbi ipse || insule sunt extrema. hinc aliam insu-
 lam ad orien- || tem prospexi: distantem ab hac Iohana
 milia- || ribus. liij. quam protinus Hispanam dixi: in
 eam- || que concessi: *et* direxi iter quasi per Septentrio-
 nem || quemadmodum in Iohana ad orientem: miliaria ||
 dlxiiij. que dicta Iohana *et* alie ibidem insule¹ || quam-
 fertilissime existunt. Hec multis atque tutissi- || mis *et*
 latis: nec alijs quos vnquam viderim compa- || randis
 portibus: est circumdata. multi maximi *et* || salubres
 hanc interfluunt fluuij. multi quoque *et* || eminentissimi
 in ea sunt montes. Omnes he insu || le sunt pulcerrime

¹ Misprint for *insule*.

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versus eius semper stringens littora vsque ad miliaria.
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 insulam ad orientem pro || spexi distantem ab hac
 Iohana miliaribus. liij. quam protinus Hispana || nam
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 dis || portibus est circumdata. multi maximi *et* salubres
 hanc interflu || unt fluuij. multi quoque *et* eminentissimi
 in ea sunt montes. Omnes || hae insulae sunt pulcher-
 rinae *et* varijs distinctae figuris: peruiiae: *et* ma- || xima
 arborum varietate sidera lambentium plenae: quas

uincia insula quidem erat: *et* sic perrexi orientem ver-
sus eius fem- || per stringens littora vsque ad miliaria
cccxxij vbi ipsius infule sunt || extrema: hinc aliam in-
fulam ad orientem *prospexi* distantem ab hac || Ioana
miliaribus. liiij. *quam* protinus Hispanam dixi in eam-
que con- || cessi *et* direxi iter quasi per Septentrionem
quemadmodum in Io || ana ad orientem miliaria. lxiij.
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quos vnquam viderim comparandis portubus est circun ||
data multi maximi *et* salubres hanc interfluunt fluuij
multi quoque || Et eminentissimi in ea sunt montes
Omnes he infule sunt pulch || errime *et* varijs distincte
figuris: peruie: *et* maxima arborum varia- || te fidera

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cccxxii || vbi ipsius infule sunt extrema: hinc aliam in-
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miliaribus. liiii. *quam* protius¹ Hispa || nam dixi: in
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Omnes || he infule sunt pulcherrime *et* varijs distincte
figuris: peruie: *et* ma- || xima arborum varietate fidera
lambentium plene: quas nunquam folijs || priuari credo.

¹ Misprint for *protinus*.

et varijs distincte figuris: *per-* || uie: *et* maxima arborum varietate sidera lamben || tium plene: quas nunquam folijs priuari credo: quip- || pe vidi eas ita virentes atque decoras: ceu mense || Maio in hispania solent esse: quarum alie florentes: alie || fructuose: alie in alio ftatu: secundum vniuscuiusque quali || tatem vigeabant: garriebat philomena: *et* alij passe || res varij ac innumeri: mense Nouembris quo ipse per || eas deambulabam. Sunt preterea in dicta insula || [*Eighth page begins:*] Iohana septem vel octo palmarum genera: que proce || ritate *et* pulchritudine (quemadmodum ceterae omnes || arbores, herbe, fructusque) nostras facile exuperant || Sunt *et* mirabiles pinus, agri, *et* prata vastissima, || varie aues, varie mella, variaque metalla: ferro || ex-

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¹ Misprint for *vniuscuiusque*.

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 florentes: alie fructuose: alie in alio statu *secundum* ||
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 quo ipse per eas deam- || bulabam. Sunt preterea in
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cepto. In ea autem quam Hispanam supra diximus || nuncupari: maximi sunt montes ac pulcri: vasta || rura, nemora, campi feracissimi, feri, pacisque¹ et || condendis edificijs aptissimi. Portuum in hac in || fula commoditas: et prestantia fluminum copia salu || britate admixta hominum: quod nisi quis viderit: cre- || dulitatem superat. Huius arbores pascua et fructus || multum ab illis Iohane differunt. Hec preterea || Hispana diuerso aromatis genere, auro, me- || tallisque abundat. cuius quidem et omnium aliarum quas || ego vidi: et quarum cognitionem habeo: incole vtri || usque sexus nudi semper incedunt: quemadmodum || eduntur in lucem. preter aliquas feminas. que fo- || lio frondeue aliqua: aut

¹ Misprint for *pascique*.

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arundines sole perustas: in quarum || radicibus hastile
quoddam ligneum ficcum *et* in mucro || nem attenuatum
figunt: neque his audent iugiter vti: nam || [*Tenth page
begins:*] sepe euenit cum miserim duos vel tris homines ||
ex meis ad aliquas villas: vt cum earum loqueren- ||
tur incolis: exijisse agmen glomeratum ex Indis: || et
vbi nostros appropinquare videbant: fugam || celeriter
arripuisse: despretis a patre liberis *et* || econtra. *et* hoc

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euenit cum miserim duos vel tris homines ex meis ad
aliquas vil- || las vt cum earum loquerentur incolis: ex-
ijisse agmen glomeratum ex In || dis: *et* vbi nostros
appropinquare videbant tugam celeriter arripuif- || se
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piam eorum dam || num aliquid vel iniuria illata fuerit:
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 vbi se cernunt tutos: omni metu re || pulso: sunt ad
 modum simplices ac bone fidei: *et* || in omnibus que
 habent liberalissimi: roganti quod || possidet inficiatur
 nemo: quin ipsi nos ad id po- || scendum inuitant.
 Maximum erga omnes amorem pre- || se ferunt: dant
 queque magna pro paruis. minima licet || re nihiloue
 contenti: ego attamen prohibui ne tam mi || nima *et*
 nullius precij hisce darentur: vt sunt lancis, || parapsi-
 dum, vitrique fragmenta, jtem clauī, ligule, || quanquam

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 nunt tutos omni metu repulso: sunt || admodum sim-
 plices ac bonae fidei *et* in omnibus quae habent libera-
 lissi- || mi: roganti quod possidet inficiatur nemo: quin
 ipsi nos ad id poscen || dum inuitant. Maximum erga
 omnes amorem prae se ferunt: dant quaeque ma || gna
 pro paruis: minima licet re nihiloue contenti. ego att-
 amen prohibui ne || tam minima *et* nullius precij hisce da-
 rentur: vt sunt lancis. parapsidum. || vitrique fragmenta.
 item clauī ligulae: quanquam si hoc poterant adipisci ||
 videbatur eis pulcherrima mundi possidere iocalia.
 Accidit. enim. quen- || dam nauitam tantum auri pon-

nulla michi facta versura: sed sunt natura || pauidi ac timidi. Ceterum vbi se cernunt tutos omni metu repulso: || sunt admodum simplices ac bone fidei *et* in omnibus que habent li || beralissimi: roganti quod possidet inficiatur nemo: quin ipsi nos ad id || poscendum inuitant Maximum erga omnes amorem pre se ferunt || Dant queque magna pro paruis: minima licet re nichiloue contenti. || ego attamen prohibui ne tam minima *et* nullius precij hisce daren || tur: vt sunt lancis parafidum. vtrique¹ fragmenta. item clauu ligu- || le: quam si hoc poterant adipisci videbatur eis pulcherrima mundi || di possidere iocalia Accidit. *enim*. quendam nauitam tantum auri pon || dus habuisse pro vna ligula

¹ Misprint for *vitrique*.

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mundi possidere iocalia. Accidit enim || quendam
nauitam: tantum auri pondus habuisse || pro vna ligula:
quanti sunt tres aurei solidi: et sic || alios pro alijs mi-
noris precij: prefertim pro blanquis no || uis: et quibus-
dam nummis aureis: pro quibus habendis da || bant
quicquid petebat venditor: puta vnciam cum dimi ||
dia et duas auri: vel triginta et quadraginta bombicis ||
[Eleventh page begins:] pondo: quam ipsi iam nouerant.
item arcuum, ampho || re, hydrie, dolique fragmenta:
bombice et auro tam || quam bestie comparabant. quod
quia iniquum fane erat: || vetui: dedique eis multa
pulchra et grata que mecum || tuleram nullo interueniente
premio: vt eos mihi fa- || cilius conciliarem: fierentque

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blanquis nouis: quibusdam nummis aureis: pro quibus
habendis da || bant quicquid petebat venditor: puta
vnciam cum dimidia et duas || auri: vel triginta et
quadraginta bombicis pondo: quam ipsi iam || noue-
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bom || bice et auro tanquam bestiae comparabant. quod
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chra et grata que mecum tuleram nullo || interueniente
premio: vt eos mihi facilius conciliarem fierentque
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amorem erga Regem Reginam principemque no- ||
stros et vniuersas gentes Hispaniae ac studeant perqui-

quanti sunt tres aurei solidi *et* sic alios || pro alijs minoris precij prefertim pro blanquis nouis: quibusdam num || mis aureis: pro quibus habendis dabant quicquid petebat vendi || tor: puta vnciam cum dimidia *et* duas auri: vel triginta *et* quadragin || ta bombicis pondo: quam ipsi iam neuerant¹ item arcum. ampho || re. hijdre. dolique fragmenta bombice *et* auro tanquam bestie compara || bant. quod quia iniquum fane erat vetui: dedique eis multa pulchra || *et* grata que mecum tuleram nullo interueniente premio: vt eos michi facilius conciliarem fierentque Christicole *et* vt sint prouidi in amorem erga || Regem Reginam principemque nostros *et* vniuersas gentes Hispanie ac studeant per-

¹ Misprint for *nouerant*.

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*Christicole: et vt sint proni in || amorem erga Regem
Reginam principesque nostros || et vniuersas gentes
Hispanie: ac studeant perquire- || re et coaceruare:
eaque nobis tradere quibus ipsi af- || fluunt et nos mag-
nopere indigemus. Nullam hij norunt || ydolatriam:
immo firmissime credunt omnem vim: omnem || poten-
tiam: omnia denique bona esse in celo: meque inde ||
cum his nauibus et nautis descendisse: atque hoc animo
vbi || fui susceptus postquam metum repulerant. Nec
sunt || segnes aut rudes: quin summi ac perspicacis
in- || genij: et homines qui transfretant mare illud: non
sine || admiratione vniuscuiusque rei rationem red-
dunt: || sed nunquam viderunt gentes vestitas: neque
naues || huiusmodi Ego statim atque ad mare illud per-*

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rere: coacer || uare eaque nobis tradere quibus ipsi
affluunt et nos magnopere in || digemus. Nullam ij
norunt hydolatriam: immo firmissime credunt || omnem
vim: omnem potentiam: omnia denique bona esse in
coelo: meque || inde cum his nauibus et nautis descen-
disse: atque hoc animo vbique || fui susceptus postquam
metum repulerant. Nec sunt segnes aut ru- || des:
quin summi ac perspicacis ingenij: et homines qui trans-
fre- || tant mare illud non sine admiratione vniuscui-
sque rei rationem red- || dunt: sed nunquam viderunt
gentes vestitas neque naues huiusmodi. Ego || statim
atque ad mare illud perueni e prima insula quosdam
Indos || violenter arripui: qui ediscerent a nobis et nos
pariter docerent || ea: quorum ipsi in ijsce partibus cog-

quirere: coaceruare *eaque* nobis tradere quibus || ipsi
 affluunt *et* nos magnopere indigemus Nullam ij norunt
 hido || latrariam: immo firmissime credunt omnem vim:
 omnem potentiam || omnia denique bona esse in coelo:
 meque inde cum his nauibus *et* nau || tis descendisse:
 atque hoc animo vbique fui susceptus postquam metum ||
 repulerant Nec sunt signes¹ aut rudes: quin summi ac
 perspicacis || ingenij: *et* homines qui transfretant mare
 illud non sine admirati || one vniscuiusque² rei ratione
 reddunt: sed nunquam viderunt gentes vesti- || tas neque
 naues huiusmodi Ego statim atque ad mare illud per-
 ueni e pri || ma insula quosdam Indos violenter arripui.
 qui ediscerent a nobis || *et* nos pariter docerent ea: quo-

¹ Misprint for *segnes*.² Misprint for *vniscuiusque*.

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affluunt *et* nos magnope || re indigemus. Nullam ii
 norunt idolatriam: immo firmissime cre || dunt omnem
 vim: omnem potentiam: omnia denique bona esse in
 celo: meque || inde cum his nauibus *et* nautis descen-
 disse: atque hoc animo vbique || fui susceptus postquam
 metum repulerant. Néc sunt segnes aut ru- || des:
 quin summi ac perspicacis ingenii: *et* homines qui trans-
 fre- || tant mare illud non sine admiratione vniscuius-
 que rei rationem red- || dunt: sed nunquam viderunt
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 pariter docerent || ea quorum ipsi in iisce partibus cog-
 nitionem habebant: *et* ex voto || successit: nam breui

ueni: e pri || ma infula quosdam Indos violenter arripui: qui || edificerent a nobis: et nos pariter docerent ea: quorum || ipsi in hisce partibus cognitionem habebant. et || ex voto successit: nam breui nos ipsos: et hij nos: || tum gestu ac signis: tum verbis intellexerunt. || magnoque nobis fuere emolumento. veniunt modo || mecum tamen qui semper putant me desiluisse e celo || quamuis diu nobiscum versati fuerint hodieque ver- || [Twelfth page begins:] sentur. et hi erant primi: qui id quocunque appellaba || mus nuntiabant: alij deinceps alijs elata voce || dicentes. Uenite venite et videbitis gentes ethe || reas. Quamobrem tam femine quam viri: tam impuberes || quam adulti: tam iuuenes quam senes: deposita formi || dine paulo ante concepta:

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¹ Misprint for *nobiscum*.

rum ipsi in istis partibus cognitionem ha- || bebant. *et*
 ex voto successit: nam breui nos ipsos *et* ii nos tum
 gestu || ac signis tum verbis intellexerunt: magnoque
 nobis fuere emolu- || mento: veniunt modo mecum:
 qui semper putant me defuisse de || coelo: *quamvis*
 diu nobiscum versati fuerint hodieque versentur: *ei* ii
 erant || primi qui id quocunque appellabamus nuntia-
 bant: alij deinceps alijs || elata voce dicentes. Uenite
 venite *et* videbitis gentes ethereas Quam || [*Fourth page*
begins:] ob rem tam femine *quam* viri: tam impuberes
quam adulti: tam iuvenes || *quam* senes. deposita for-
 midine paulo ante concepta nos certatim vise || bant
 magna inter¹ stipante caterua alijs cibum alijs potum

¹ Misprint for *iter*.

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nos ipsos: *et* ii nos tum gestu ac signis: tum || verbis
 intellexerunt: magnoque nobis fuere emolumento: ve-
 niunt || modo mecum qui semper putant me defuisse e
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 versentur. *et* ii erant primi qui || id quocunque appella-
 bamus nuntiabant: alii deinceps alijs ela- || ta voce di-
 centes: Uenite venite *et* videbitis gentes ethereas.
 Quam || ob rem tam femine *quam* viri: tam impuberes
quam adulti: tam iuvenes || *quam* senes deposita for-
 midine paulo ante concepta nos certatim vise || bant
 magna iter stipante caterua: alijs cibum: alijs potum
 affe- || rentibus maximo cum amore ac beniuolentia in-
 credibili. Habet || vnaqueque insula multas scaphas
 solidi ligni: *et* si angustas. lon- || gitudine tamen ac for-

nos certatim vifebant || magna iter ftipante caterua
 alijs cibum, alijs po || tum afferentibus: maximo cum
 amore ac beniuolen- || tia incredibili. Habet vnaque-
 que infula multas || fcaphas folidi ligni: et fi anguf-
 tas: longitudine || tamen ac forma noftris biremibus
 fimiles: curfu autem || velociores. Reguntur remis tan-
 tummodo. Harum || quedam funt magne: quedam
 parue: quedam in me- || dio confiftunt. Plures tamen
 biremi que remigent || duodeuiginti tranftris maiores:
 cum quibus in omnes || illas infulas: que innumere
 funt: trajcitur, cumque || his fuam mercaturam exer-
 cent: et inter eos comer- || tia fiunt. Aliquas ego ha-
 rum biremium feu sca- || pharum: vidi que vehebant
 feptuaginta et octuagin || ta remiges. In omnibus his

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ac beniuolentia incredibili. Habet || vnaqueque infula
 multas fcaphas folidi ligni: et fi anguftas lon- || gitu-
 dine tamen ac forma noftris biremibus fimiles: curfu
 autem velo- || ciores. Reguntur remis tantummodo.
 Harum quaedam funt magnae: || quaedam paruae:
 quaedam in medio confiftunt. Plures tamen biremi
 quae || remiget duodeuiginti tranftris maiores: cum
 quibus in omnes illas || infulas: quae innumerae funt:
 trajcitur, cumque ijs fuam mercatu- || ram exercent et
 inter eos comertia fiunt. Aliquas ego harum bi- ||
 remium feu fcapharum vidi que vehebant feptuaginta
 et octuaginta re || miges. In omnibus ijs infulis nulla
 eft diuerfitas inter gentis || effigies: nulla in moribus
 atque loquela: quin omnes fe intelligunt || [*Fifth page*

affe- || rentibus maximo cum amore ac beniuolentia in-
 credibili. Habet || vnaqueque Insula multas scaphas
 solidi ligni: *et* si angustas longi || tudine tamen ac forma
 nostris biremibus similes: cursu autem ve || lociores.
 reguntur remis tantummodo. Harum quedam sunt
 magne || quedam parue: quedam in medio consistunt.
 Plures tamen biremi || que remiget duodeuiginti tran-
 stris maiores: cum quibus in omnes || illas insulas: que
 innumere sunt: traicitur cumque ijs suam merca || tu-
 ram exercent *et* inter eos comertia fiunt. Aliquas ego
 harum bi- || remium seu scapharum vidi que vehebant
 septuaginta *et* octuaginta || remiges. In omnibus ijs
 insulis nulla est diuersitas inter gentis || effigies: nulla
 in moribus atque loquela: quin omnes se intelligunt ||

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 sistunt. Plures tamen biremi que || remiget duodeui-
 ginti transtris maiores: cum quibus in omnes illas ||
 insulas: que innumere sunt: traicitur. cumque iis suam
 mercatu- || ram exercent *et* inter eos comertia fiunt.
 Aliquas ego harum bi- || remium seu scapharum vidi
 que vehebant septuaginta *et* octuaginta re || [*Fifth page*
begins:] miges. In omnibus iis insulis nulla est diuer-
 sitas inter gentis || effigies: nulla in moribus atque lo-
 quela: quin omnes se intelligunt || adinuicem: que res
 perutilis est ad id quod serenissimos Reges no || stros ex-
 optare precipue reor: scilicet eorum ad sanctam Christi

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 in moribus || atque loquela: quin omnes se intelligunt
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 mum Regem || nostrum exoptare precipue reor: scilicet
 eorum ad fan || ctam Christi fidem conuersionem. cui
 quidem quantum || intelligere potui facilimi sunt et
 proni. Dixi quem- || [*Thirteenth page begins:*] admo-
 dum sum progressus antea insulam Iohanam || per rec-
 tum tramitem occasus in orientem miliaria || cccxxij. se-
 cundum quam viam et interuallum itineris possum ||
 dicere hanc Iohanam esse maiorem Anglia et Sco || tia
 simul: nanque vitra dicta. cccxxij. passuum milia: || in
 ea parte que ad occidentem prospectat: due: quas ||
 non petij: super sunt prouincie: quarum alteram Indi ||

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begins:] adinuicem: quae res perutilis est ad id quod
 ferenissimum Regem nostrum || exoptare praecipue
 reor: scilicet eorum ad sanctam Christi fidem conuer-
 sionem. || cui quidem quantum intelligere potui facil-
 limi sunt et proni. Dixi || quemadmodum sum pro-
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 Iohanam esse maiorem || Anglia et Scotia simul: nam-
 que vltra dicta. cccxxij. passuum milia in || ea parte
 quae ad occidentem prospectat duae: quas non petij:
 super || sunt prouinciae: quarum alteram Indi Anan
 vocant cuius accolae cau || dati nascuntur. Tenduntur
 in longitudinem ad miliaria. clxxx. vt || ab his quos veho

ad inuicem: que res perutilis est ad id *quod* ferenissimorum Regum nos || trorum exoptare precipue reor: scilicet eorum ad sanctam Christi fidem con- || uersionem cui quidem quantum intelligere potui facilimi sunt et pro || ni Dixi quemadmodum sum progressus antea insulam Ioanam || per rectum tramitem occasus in orientem millaria¹ cccxxij. in quam || viam et interuallum itineris possum dicere hanc Ioanam esse maio || rem Anglia et Scotia simul: namque vltra dicta cccxxij. passuum milia in || ea parte que ad occidentem prospectat due. quas non petij: super sunt || prouincie: quarum alteram Indi Anan vocant cuius accolae caudati || nascuntur. Tenduntur in longitudinem ad miliaria. clxxx.

¹ Misprint for *miliaria*.

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fidem conuersio- || nem. cui quidem quantum intelligere potui facillimi sunt et proni. || Dixi quemadmodum sum progressus antea insulam Ioanam per rectum tramitem occasus in orientem miliaria. cccxxii. secundum quam viam || et interuallum itineris possum dicere hanc Ioanam esse maiorem || Anglia et Scotia simul. namque vltra dicta. cccxxii. passuum milia in || ea parte que ad occidentem prospectat due: quas non petii: super || sunt prouincie: quarum alteram Indi Anan vocant cuius accolae caudati nascuntur. Tenduntur in longitudinem ad miliaria. clxxx. vt || ab his quos veho mecum Indis percepi: qui omnis has callent insulas. Hispanie vero ambitus maior est tota Hispania a Colonia usque || ad fontem rabidum Hincque fa-

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Hispania a colonia vsque ad fontem rabidum || Hinc-
que facile arguitur quod quartum eius latus quod ipse ||
per rectam lineam occidentis in orientem traieci: mili ||
aria continet. dxi. Hec infula est affectanda et affe- ||
ctata non spernenda in qua et si aliarum omnium vt ||
dixi || pro inuictissimo Rege nostro solenniter possessio- ||
nem accepi: earumque imperium dicto Regi peni- || tus
committitur: in oportuniori tamen loco: atque omni ||
lu || cro et commercio condecienti: cuiusdam magne ||
ville: || cui Natiuitatis domini nomen dedimus: posses-

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accepi: earumque imperium dicto Regi penitus ||
committitur: in oportuniori tamen loco atque omni ||
lucro et commercio || condecienti cuiusdam magnae
villae: cui Natiuitatis domini nomen de- || dimus: pos-
sessionem peculiariter accepi: ibique arcem quandam ||
erigere ex templo iussi: quae modo iam debet esse per-

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fionem || peculiariter accepi. ibique arcem quandam
 eri- || gere extemplo iussi: que modo iam debet esse ||
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 omni armorum genere: et vltra annum victu oportu ||
 no reliqui. Item quandam carauellam: et pro alijs
 construen || dis tam in hac arte quam in ceteris peritos:
 ac eiusdem || [Fifteenth page begins.] infule Regis erga
 nos beniuolentiam et familia || ritatem incredibilem.
 Sunt enim gentes ille amabiles || admodum et benigne:
 eo quod Rex predictus me fra || trem suum dici gloria-
 batur. Et si animum reuoca || rent: et his qui in arce
 manserunt nocere velint: ne || queunt: quia armis ca-
 rent: nudi incedunt: et nimium || timidi. ideo dictam
 arcem tenentes: duntaxat possunt || totam eam insulam

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 amabiles admodum et benignae: eo quod Rex || pre-
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 mium timidi: ideo dictam arcem tenentes dun || taxat
 possunt totam eam insulam nullo sibi imminente discri-
 mine popu- || lari. dummodo leges quas dedimus ac
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pacta :¹ in qua homines qui neces || farij sunt vifi cum
 omni armorum genere *et* vltra annum victu opor || tuno
 reliqui. Item quandam carauellam *et* pro alijs con-
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 miliaritatem incredibilem Sunt enim *gen* || tes ille ama-
 biles admodum *et* benigne: eo *quod* Rex predictus me
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Iam nulla Hispanis tellus addenda triumphis: ||

Atque parum tantis viribus, orbis erat. ||

Nunc longe Eois regio deprensa sub vndis. ||

Auctura est titulos Betice magne tuos. ||

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Nunc longe Eois regio deprensa sub vndis. ||
Auctura est titulos Betice magne tuos: ||
Unde repertori merito referenda Colombo ||
Gratia: sed fummo est maior habenda deo. ||
Qui vincenda parat noua Regna tibi*que* fibi*que* ||
Te*que* simul fortem prestat *et* esse pium. ||

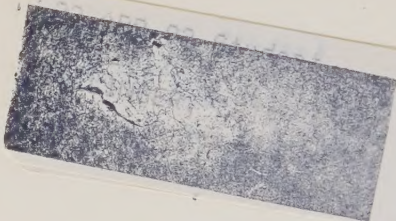


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